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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Delete the current Abstract and replace therewith the following substitute Abstract.



-- A multidirectional input apparatus having an operating member 30 integrally provided with turning shafts 35 and 35 projecting in two intersecting directions. A disc 32 is provided below the turning shafts 35 and 35. The turning member 40B is provided at its lower surface with a recess 46B which accommodates therein the disc 32 such that disc 32 can turn. The recess 46B is provided at its inner surface with bearings 47B and 47B into which the turning shafts 35 and 35 are fitted. The turning members 40A and 40B are provided at opposite end shafts thereof with flat surfaces 44A and 44B. An annular slider 50 biased by a spring 60 is brought into resilient abutment against the flat surfaces 44A and 44B of the turning members 40A and 40B from below. --.